



U.S. Agency for International Development
USAID/TIMOR-LESTE

SOLICITATION FOR CONCEPT PAPERS

CLOSURE DATE: November 5, 2008
PROGRAM TITLE: Development Grants Program

Program Description:

The Development Grants Program (DGP) provides partnership opportunities to development organizations that have received limited prior funding from USAID. As part of the DGP, USAID/Timor-Leste is soliciting concept papers for programs in the micro-enterprise and dairy sectors in Timor-Leste. Awards will not be less than \$50,000 nor more than \$500,000. The complete Annual Program Statement (APS) is available on the internet at <http://www.grants.gov>: click on "Grant Search," select "Basic Search," type "DGP" in the Keyword Search, and select the APS for DGP – Local NGOs. Hard copies of the APS have been circulated to AMFITIL, BELUN, and FONGTIL for onward distribution to their members. USAID/Timor-Leste can also provide hard copies if requested.

* Note: A similar APS has been issued for U.S.-based Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), also available at <http://www.grants.gov>. This announcement is part of USAID/Timor-Leste's outreach to local NGOs and, as such, refers only to the APS for Local NGOs.

General Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be local NGOs organized under the laws of Timor-Leste.
2. Priority will be given to NGOs that have had either limited or no prior funding from USAID. Only NGOs that have received \$5,000,000 or less from USAID during the past five-year period will be considered eligible for the DGP. This includes any type of assistance from USAID, including grants, contracts, subgrants, subcontracts, cooperative agreements or other funds.
3. The criteria cited in (2) above will apply not only to the principal applicant, but also to any organization with which the principal applicant may chose to enter into subaward, subgrant, or partnership.

Submission Deadline and Review:

The deadline for submission of concept papers is November 5, 2008. Concept papers must be submitted in English. Concept papers will be reviewed, and successful applicants will be invited to submit a full application. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified. Applicants will be notified of their concept paper's status by November 28, 2008. All concept papers and subsequent full applications, must be submitted to USAID/Timor-Leste and to the Office of Development Partners. Please submit **to USAID/Timor-Leste contact person: The original and two copies** in a sealed envelope and please e-mail the concept paper to email address: LOCAL-DGP@usaid.gov with the e-mail SUBJECT line to read: "Concept Paper for Development Grants Program."

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